

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 10 2006

Law Offices
SCOTT & YALLERY-ARTHUR
7306 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
(202) 882-5770
(202) 722-0040 Fax

Date May 10, 2006 Page 1 of 13SEND TO: NAME: R. ChinFIRM: Patents and Trademark OfficeFAX: (571) 273-8300 PHONE: SENT BY: NAME: Nigel L. Scott, Esquire

S&Y-A FAX: (202) 722-0040

SUBJECT: COMMENTS:

ORIGINAL WILL: Follow Via Mail
Follow Via Messenger
Follow Via Overnight

This fax is intended for the exclusive use of the addressee named above, and may contain legally privileged and confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient of this fax, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this fax is strictly prohibited.

If you received this fax in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original fax to us at the above address via the United States Postal Service. We will reimburse any costs you incur in notifying us and returning the fax to us.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

Serial No: 09/912,692

Group Art Unit:

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Filed: 7/26/2001

Examiner: R. Chin

MAY 10 2006

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20321

Sir:

RESPONSE TO APRIL 8, 2006 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 12, 2006, in respect of the above-identified patent application.

SPECIFICATION

Based upon the discussions between Applicant and counsel, the two drawings labeled "4A" and "5A" are now considered unnecessary for the allowance of the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that drawings "4A" and "5A" be withdrawn.

Additionally, in light of the withdrawal of drawings "4A" and "5A" no changes will be made to the Specification.

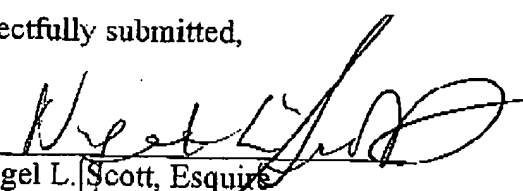
CLAIMS

In the notice of non-compliance, it was specifically noted that Claims 10 and 11 had not been included in the "complete listing of all claims," Applicant has listed Claims 1 through 11. However, it should be noted that claims 1-11 are not the claims to which the

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
MAY 10 2006

Respectfully submitted,

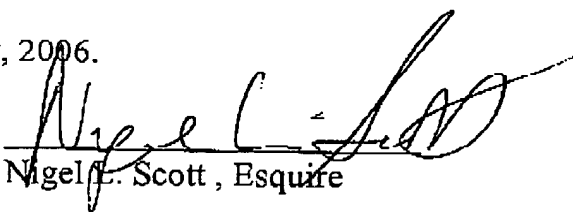
By


Nigel L. Scott, Esquire
No. 27,385
7306 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
(202) 882-5770
(202) 722-0040 Fax

H:\...nigel\prop\buford\09\912.692\4-27-06LIR

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Applicant's Response to First Office Action (First Amendment) was faxed and mailed to the United States Department of Commerce Patents and Trademarks, Office Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20031 this 10th day May, 2006.


Nigel L. Scott, Esquire

H:\...nigel\prop\buford\09\912.692\4-27-06LIE

TRANSMISSION VERIFICATION REPORT

TIME : 05/10/2006 12:21
NAME : SCOTT&YALLERY-ARTHUR
FAX : 202-722-0040
TEL : 202-882-5770

DATE, TIME	05/10 12:21
FAX NO./NAME	7038729306
DURATION	00:00:00
PAGE(S)	00
RESULT	BUSY
MODE	STANDARD

BUSY: BUSY/NO RESPONSE